

District of Columbia, DC — #1 of 10: Average Income of Arriving Households

D.C. leads San Antonio in high-earning migration

Source: ALEX Intelligence, October 19, 2026

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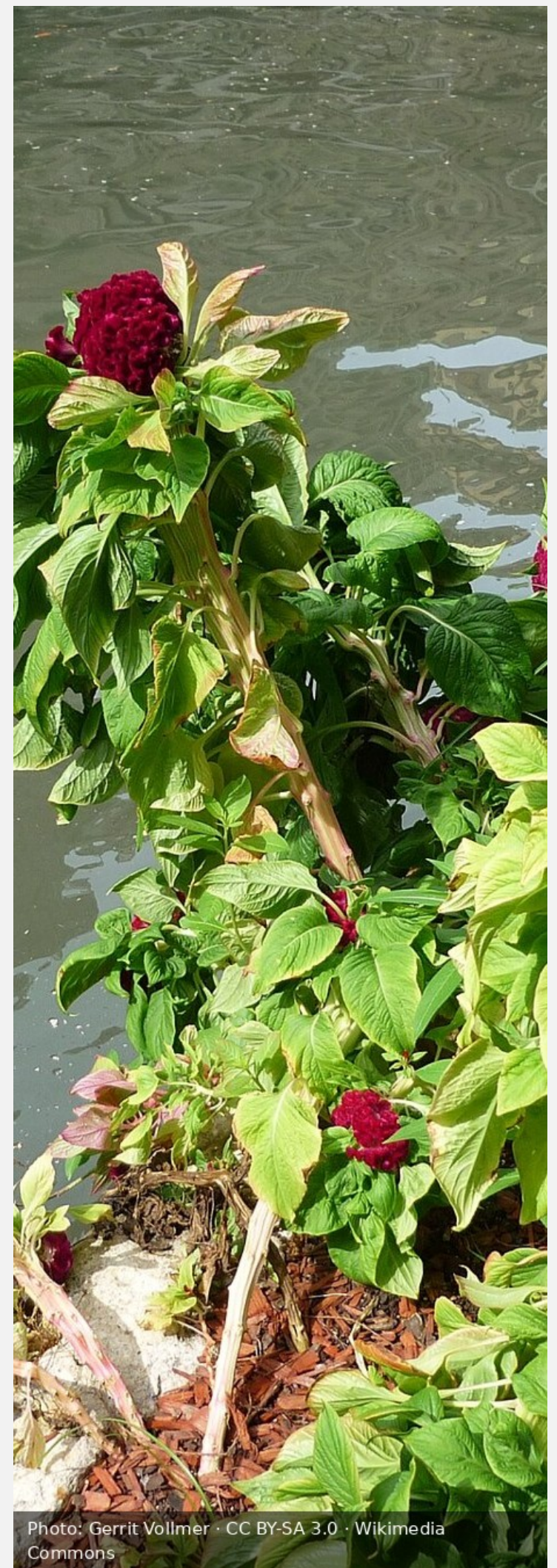
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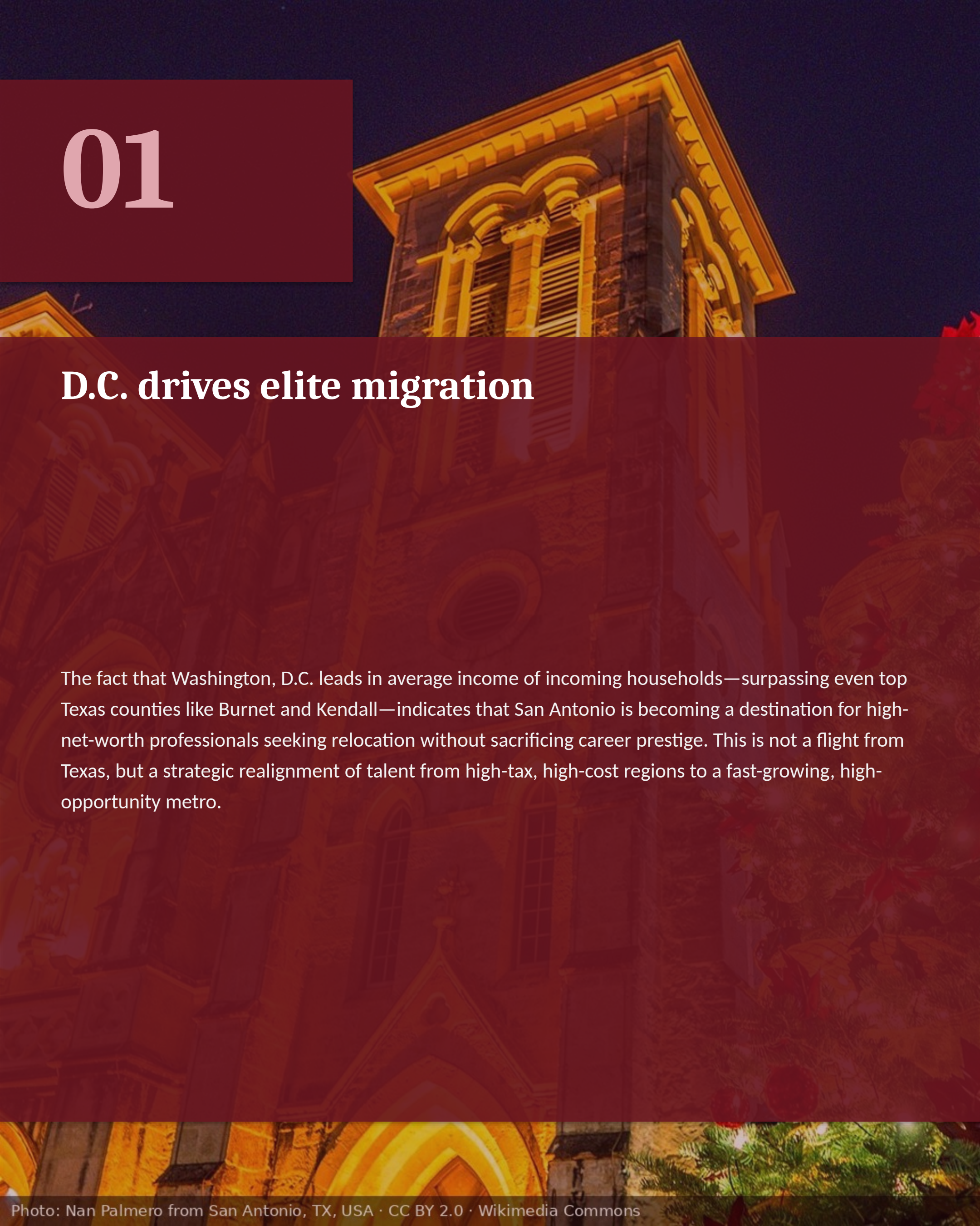
District of Columbia, DC, sends the highest-earning households to the San Antonio metro.

This figure reflects a growing trend of high-income professionals relocating from coastal economic hubs to Texas cities with lower costs and favorable tax environments. The data reveals that D.C. households moving to San Antonio outearn even the top Texas counties on this list, signaling a shift in talent migration patterns away from traditional finance and government centers.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2022-23 • ALEX Intelligence computation

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D.C. drives elite migration

The fact that Washington, D.C. leads in average income of incoming households—surpassing even top Texas counties like Burnet and Kendall—indicates that San Antonio is becoming a destination for high-net-worth professionals seeking relocation without sacrificing career prestige. This is not a flight from Texas, but a strategic realignment of talent from high-tax, high-cost regions to a fast-growing, high-opportunity metro.

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Texas counties are rising in rank

Burnet and Kendall Counties, both in Texas, rank third and fourth respectively in income of arriving households. This suggests that the San Antonio metro is not only attracting national talent but also consolidating high-income talent from within Texas's own high-performing counties. The internal migration of affluent residents from Texas's Hill Country to the urban core reflects a consolidation of wealth within the metro's economic center.



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